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The Crueltles of the Slave Trade on the Island The French transport ship Dorado arrived in San Francisco recently, from Tahiti, bringing Mustard, Mustard Oil and Pepper Sauce among her passengers Wm. Poole, a resident of Factory 209 Bowery, New York. Six Mile Bar, Calaveras county, Cal., who relates to us and earnestly indorses the entire truth of Near Rivington Street

the statements made below Janion, Green & Rhodes, Mr. Poole went out to Tahiti in December last, with the intention if the island suited him, to Commission Merchants. quire lands and become a permanent resident there. The seenes which he beheld, during a short sojourn, so horrified and disgusted him that N. B .- Particular attention paid to consignments of Sandwich he sought the first favorable opportunity to return to California. He states that a large cotton plantation is located and cultivated on the coast of the island, at Atamona, under the auspices of a French incorporated company, of which one Wm. 613 CLAY STREET, SAN FRANCISCO. Stewart is the chief superintendent. Stewart claims to be an Englishman. The plantation is

Intelligence from Tabiti.

[From the S. F. Bulletin, April 23.]

Another Annexation Scheme.

tons, taking the clearances for our guide.

The public mind on the Pacific coast was pre-

to-day, of negotiations for the purchase of British Queen on the 5th of February :

British possessions on this coast wedged in the time a considerable number of ladies had collect-

territory of the United States and deprived of ed, and the dim magnificence of the long corridors

most of their value to any government but ours, and chambers was enlivened by the presence of

it was a very natural thought that negotiations exquisite toilets in all the richest amplitudes of

would soon follow for obtaining them, and that the latest fashion. In a few minutes after the

Great Britain would not be very loth to part with hour had struck, a considerable space of the gov-

them. They are desirable to us for the sake of ernment benches was occupied, and from that

giving unity to our Pacific territory and filling a time till one o'clock the arrivals were incessant

break in our domestic commerce, while England The Opposition benches filled more slowly, for on

but it is still second only to the English and the whole of the illustrious assemblage in the

cannot help regarding them as a source of anxie- these occasions this part of the chamber is re-

about three by four miles in dimensions, and em-DIRECT IMPORTER OF FOREIGN AND AMERICAN ploys from fifteen hundred to two thousand laborers, and more, when they can be procured. Mr. Poole states that these laborers are slaves, in the most deprayed and abject meaning of that term. They are brought in French ships from China, the Marquesas, Austral, and the adjoining Musical Instruments, Strings, &c., &c. South Pacific Islands in chains. On the voyage they are subjected to the scourge, starvation and other brutalities, in order to break their spirit, and render them suitable for the employment to which they are to be assigned. When he was at Tahiti, there were some thirteen hundred Chinese, CHURCH & PARLOR ORGANS, MELODEONS, &c. and between four and five hundred Islander slaves employed by Stewart, whose chief overseer was a Frenchman named Lea. This Lea is described as little less than a monster. Mr. Poole asserts that he has seen him tie up and flog one of his slaves. a native woman, who was enciente, and was in-A share of the patronage of the residents of Honolulu and formed that he afterwards exhibited her on the plantation, in a state of nudity, to expose her gaping wounds as an example of terror to the balance of the work hands. Scenes of this kind he describes as common. There is no appeal from the Draconian laws of the plantation. Whatever barbarity may be practiced against the slaves, is sanctioned and upheld by the bayonets of French soldiery. Even a white man who expresses indis-

lordly Stewart and his obedient satellites may The slaves are induced to go on board the vessels dispatched to the different islands to procure them by stool-pigeons, who are sent on shore finely elad, and exhibiting jewelry about their persons, as evidence of the kind treatment they will receive if they will become laborers on the Atamona plantation. A nominal rate of wages is fixed as a further inducement, which, when once pressed into the service, they never receive, as a system of fines and penalties exists, which they are certain to be held as incurring, on the plea of quires no springs or screws; is always steam-tight; without excessive friction, and never gets stack or leaky. a non-performance of their assigned labor. In this manner they are robbed as well as hopelessly enslaved and degraded. The best of the kind now in use in this State or anywhere else.

creet sympathy for the sufferers, is liable to be

seized, imprisoned, or otherwise punished, as the

When epidemical diseases visit the plantation, to the United States with satisfaction. the poor slaves die by fifties and hundreds. Their bodies, after death, are thrown to the dogs. Instances have been known where two field hands were chained together. If one dropped dead from exhaustion, or other cause, to save time, the limb which was fettered would be chopped off, and the body left lying on the spot, or carried to some out of the way place, and left without attempt at burial. Disease has been particularly fatal among the

Chinese slaves, who are now greatly thinned in their numbers. To supply their place, a French ship left Tahiti while Mr. Poole was there, on a cruise to the neighboring islands for another cargo of victims. There are some twenty or thirty Americans at

Tahiti; among them Col. Van Dore, our Consul, and a Mr. Foster, who has a large sugar plantation, worked by Chinese and islanders, whom he honestly pays for their services, The outrages spoken of, it is said, are all per-

petrated with the knowledge, if not the consent of the French Governor of Tahiti; and if this be true, the subject is one worthy of protest from all the Governments of the Christian world, Mr. Poole says he will stand by their correctness in every particular, and that the half has not been stated. He brought with him several letters from Chinamen at Tahiti, written in Chinese characters. These will be translated in a few days, when he promises to furnish them to us for publication. He says they will set forth some of the outrages practiced on the island from a Chinese point of view.

It is announced that the Governor of Tabiti is soon to arrive here. When he comes he may be the decay of the mining excitement and the effects able to throw some light on the statements here made to mitigate their damaging effect, and we hope he can and will, for humanity's sake .-- Times.

use whatever. A bleak and desolate region, it

offers no indocuments for American enterprise or

energy, save to the adventurous fur hunter and

the hardy fisherman. To Russia it was equally

valueless as a field for peaceful enterprise, and in

view of a war with England, or any other maritime

Power, it was a source of weakness, requiring a strong naval force to guard it against attack, which

could but ill be spared from the defense of other

much more important fact than many persons may

suppose and we believe it has not been consum-

mated without a clear realization of the complica-

tions and infernational difficulties to which it seems

almost certainly destined to give rise, Great Britain

has interests involved in this matter whice she

cannot ovrlook or submit to be ignored, either by

Russia or the United States. Her right to the free

navigation of the rivers entering into the Pacific

between 54:40 and 60, which affords an outlet for

seek to deprive her of those rights, which she most

likely will, her "traditional policy" being one of

exclusion of all foreign shipping from her inland

navigation, it is not difficult to foresee the feeling

In conclusion, he admits that in case of a war in

which the United States and Russia allied on one

RUSSIAN AMERICA .- The acquisition of California,

bracing New Archangel, or Sitka, a place of consid-

ent and future Pacific trade. The telegraph in-

ation of the sum of \$7,250,000, cedes the whole to

the United States, thus following the example of

Sapin in selling us Florida for \$5,000,000, of France

present occasion of each of this former acquisitions.

conduced powerfully to the welfare of the Nation.

On the present occasion, however we are told that

the Senate make merry over the prooffer as a good

ioke, and seem disposed contemptuously to reject

it. That it is not the temper with which the Nation

will regard the offer. It is of the highest impor-

tance to the whole country, and to the interests of

this Coast particularly, that the territory should be

consolidated as soon as possible. The Stars and

Stripes should fly without rival from Behring's

Straits to Cape Saint Lucas. If the members of the

Senate are forgetful of what is due to the National

greatness, the Chamber of Commerce of San Fran-

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dlegates from this Coast, by telegraph, that the

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intrigues are set on foot to defeat it .- Alta.

of hostility to which such an act would give rise.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA JOURNALS ON THE RUSSIAN to the town and island : TREATY .- The Morning News, a daily paper pub-"The harbor is safe and easy of access to vessels the Russian treaty, in which the importance of the cession of territory is fully recognized. The writer takes a very desponding view of matters, and by the adjacent harbor of Esquimalt, which can thinks it was deliberately planned as a preparation be entered at all seasons of the year, and where for war, and that both sides were awre that difficulties would arise between the British and Amer- all the vessels of the British North Pacific Squadican Governments on questions arising out of fron- ron lie. Victoria is a free port, and the increase of steam communication with the American Tertier disputes. He says: To the United States the newly acquired territoritories has already attracted an equal increase of ry, for colonization purposes, will be of no practical business. The island is rich in minerals, gold,

island and the main land, give it an especial interest and importance to San Francisco. The town is well laid out with suburban scenery and drives. For eight months in the year the climate cannot be surpassed, and as a summer resort for tourists and invalids, it is an exceptionable. The town contains many handsome buildings and subpoints of much greater importance to the empire town contains many handsome buildings and sub-at large. * * * We have said that the cession of Russian America to the United States is a regulated by a Council and Mayor. Nacaimo is situated about 80 miles north of Victoria, and is said by the authority above quoted to be the only point in the interior of Vancouver Island which has assumed the pretensions of a town. It has a splendid bay opening from the Gulf of Georgia, which is well buoyed, and capable of admitting the largest class man-ofwar. It is only 30 miles from Buzzard Inlet. which is rapidly coming into prominency for its POST OFFICE ADDRESS, the people of the possessions lying to the cast of superior lumber. It is a fine agricultural disthe ceded territory, she will not likely forego under | trict; the principal interest, however, is coal, the any circumstances, and should the United States Vancouver Company coal mine being located here. New Westminister, the present capital of the United Colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, is situated on Frazer river about 20 miles above the entrance proper, and is the only port of entry in the colony. Its population is estimated at 1,000. The magnitude and comside, France and England on the other would be mercial importance of the Frazer is second only to the Columbia on the northwest coast of Amer-

20,000, and may not exceed the former figures.

The Indian population is about 15,000 on Van-couver Island and 50,000 on the main land.

Victoria, the principal town of the island, as of

the now united colonies, once had a population

of 20,000 or 30,000, which has been reduced by

of British missrule to about 4,000. Langley's

Pacific Coast Directory speaks of it as being,

copper, iron and coal. Its extensive coal fields,

stretching a long distance on the east side of the

territory, and at some future time will give much importance to New Westminister. The town in 1847, gave the United States a long shore line of the atmost importance on this coast, in support of contains a number of excellent buildings, wharves, the position of Oregon, which was defined by the and private residences. treaty with England. Above the line of the British Yale is a small town at the head of navigation Provinces lies Russia America, with a population of on the Frazer, and does a good business receiving 60,723 souls and area of 400,000 square miles, em- and forwarding goods te the mines. The most considerable mining towns are Barkerville, Camerable trade and of great fishing importance. The erontown, Clinton, Kootenay, Lytton, Quesnelle-Water fined (barred) note paper, various size possession of that line will give the United States mouth and Richfield.

very advantageous position in relation to the present and future Pacific trade. The talk are trade of a territory containing such reforms us that the Russian Government, in consider- population as British Columbia, would not be merely prospective. The advantages of the annexation would be immediate, and to both the English and American residents on this coast very in selling us Louisiana for \$15,000,000, and of important. The project is well worth entertain-Mexico, in giving us, for \$15,000,000, a quit claim ing and discussing; and the motives of delicacy to California, after we had conquered it. On the and political prudence that prevented discussion of it formerly, are no obstacles since the acquisition of the Northwestern Territory has changed the whole aspect of the question for both coun-

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ty and expense. No other foreign territory could served for Peeresses only, and the majority of so naturally and easily joined to the United these did not arrive till shortly before the great States. There are no repugnance of race, no eeremony of the day began. The part allotted to clashing of interests. On the contrary, a very the diplomatic body was filled, and the crowd of

ordial feeling and close business relation draw splendid uniforms covered with orders and decothe States of the Pacific and British Columbia rations, which is always to be seen there on these together. The population of the latter are as occasions, made it one of the most brilliant parts cosmopolitan as our own. Englishmen predomi- of the whole chamber. The embassadors of Turnate numerically, but Americans are among the key, France, Austria, Prussia and Russia occupied largest property-owners. At one time the counthe front seats, and behind these were the ministry was largely colonized from California, and to ters of Belgium, Italy, Spain, Portugal, and Ba-American prospectors and traders more than to varia, while the background was filled up with English the territory owed the greatest industrial ministers from minor States and a crowd of secrecommercial impetus it ever received. The taries and attaches. reflux of the tide of mining adventure lessened At 2:10 the doors on the right of the throne, the proportion of Americans in the total popula- by which the Queen enters, were thrown open,

element, and the relations between the kindred chamber rose with a great bustle, which was inraces are of the most cordial and friendly charac- stantly succeeded by an intense silence, as every The port statistics of Victoria for 1865 eve was fixed upon the door. Formerly, when show that the imports from England were only the Queen used to open Parliament with the \$982,584; while those from San Francisco and Prince Consort her arrival was always proclaimed other American ports on the Pacific were \$1,687,- beforehand by brilliant flourishes of trumpets. The principal foreign exports were also to Yesterday, however, as last year, the splendid American ports, those to San Francisco alone procession entered amid a solemn silence that was being \$244,734. The British tonnage of the almost funereal. First came the heralds, bowing was only 15 vessels of 7,059 tons; while stiffly in their tabards as they passed the throng, American tomage was 325 vessels, of 73,373 then the chief officers of the household, followed by Lord Derby, carrying the sword of state, and Besides the favorable influence in favor of accompanied by Lord Malmesbury. After these Americans caused by social and commercial inti- noblemen came Her Majesty, accompanied by the macy, the political contrast has been in our favor. Princesses Helena and Louise, and Prince Arthur, The people of British Columbia-and we use that and followed by the Duchess of Wellington, who term to include both Vancouver Island and British stood behind the throne. The Queen, as she sat Columbia people-have been very heavily taxed on the throne, had the Princesses, with Lord and shamefully mis-governed. The home Gov- Derby and Lord Malmesbury, on her left. On ernment does not understand their wants and has her right were the Lord Chancellor with the certainly not promoted their interests. Its recent speech, the Duke of Buckingham, the Marquis of policy has nearly destroyed the prosperity of Winehester, with the cap of maintenance, and the Victoria, which, next to San Francisco, was for- Duke of Richmond, bearing the Imperial crown, merly the handsomest and most thrifty city on while officers of the household, the chamberlain's this coast. Under an American territorial gov- department, and the House of Lords closed in the

erument Victoria would revive, and its renewed background. prosperity would increase the commerce of San When the Queen had taken her place on the Francisco, while all British Columbia would feel throne, the Lord Chancellor, by her command, the healthy impulse. Our English neighbors requested their lordships to be seated, and the dehave themselves revolved these considerations, puty usher of the Black Rod was dispatched to and have frequently discussed, with no unfriendly summon the "faithful Commons." During the feeling, the subject of annexation to the great interval which always clapses before the knights Republic. We have no doubt a large majority and burgesses present themselves in almost tuof them would hail the cession of their territory multuous array below the bar, the most intense silence prevailed in the House of Peers, and every Should the cession talked of ever be made, the look was directed to the august occupant of the Republic would gain Vancouver's Island, 275 throne and those who stood around it. They miles long by 40 or 50 miles broad, containing might have been statues, so motionless were all. an area of about 12,000,000 acres; and British The Queen never stirred or looked to right or left. Columbia proper, about 250 miles broad by 450 Her dress was a plain black silk, with the ribbon long, and comprising an area (including Queen and star of the Garter. On her head was a Mary Charlotte's Island) of say 200,000 square miles, Stuart cap, surmounted by a demi-crown of brilwhich is considerably larger than the area of liants, from the back of which depended a long California. The coast line of British Columbia white veil; and she wore the Koh-i-noor in a is about 450 miles long. With this acquisition, necklace. The Princess Helena wore a train of the United States would have on the Pacific an white satin, and the Princess Louise wore a shorunbroken coast line of 2,235 miles, not including ter and more childlike dress of the same material. inlets and curvatures. As a mining and agri- Both stood beside Her Majesty on the left of the cultural territory it is incomparably superior to throne, and were as motionless as the Queen herthe Russian territory. The climate, though se- self. Prince Arthur wore the plain uniform of a

vere in the winter, is delightful in the summer. | cadet of the Royal Military Academy. The forest afford the best spar timber in the The "faithful Commons" came to the bar in world next to Sweden, whose forests are remote and a more orderly way than last year, though still partly exhausted. The shore line is deeply in- not without an amount of noise and an amount of dented with bays and estuaries, affording remark- hat crushing among the first rows which provoked able facilities for shipbuilding and trading. There an almost general smile in the Chamber of Peers. are already numerous settlements. The mineral When a complete silence was restored, the Lord region is almost co-extensive with the territory, and Chancellor, bowing to the Queen, opened the although only the placer mines have been worked speech, and in an admirably clear voice, read the to any extent, the annual yield of gold is esti- royal speech. The reading of this unusually long mated as high as \$3,500,000. The white popu- address was listened to with the most profound lation, which was probably as high as 50,000 or silence, which deepened almost into intensity 60,000 at the period of the greatest mining ex- when the paragraph relating to reform was read. citement, is now estimated at from 12,000 to At the end of the speech there was a minute's pause, when the Queen bowed graciously from the throne, and at once all arose at the signal. Her Majesty then descended the steps, and turning to the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh, who were advancing to meet her, she came forward and kissed them both. Anything more simple, and affectionate than this greeting between the mother and her children cannot well be imagined. The Queen then presented her hand next to San Francisco, the most important sea- to the Duke of Cambridge and to Prince Teck, port on this coast. The same work thus alludes each of whom kissed it respectfully, and then again turning to the House she bowed, and left with the same state ecremonial as she had enlished on Vancouver Island, has an editorial on drawing 14 or 15 feet of water, at all times but tered, followed by her sons. In a few minutes vessels over that draught require the highest the whole of the brilliant assemblage had broken spring tides. This deficiency is made up, however, up, and thus commenced the second session of the Seventh Parliament of Queen Victoria.

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